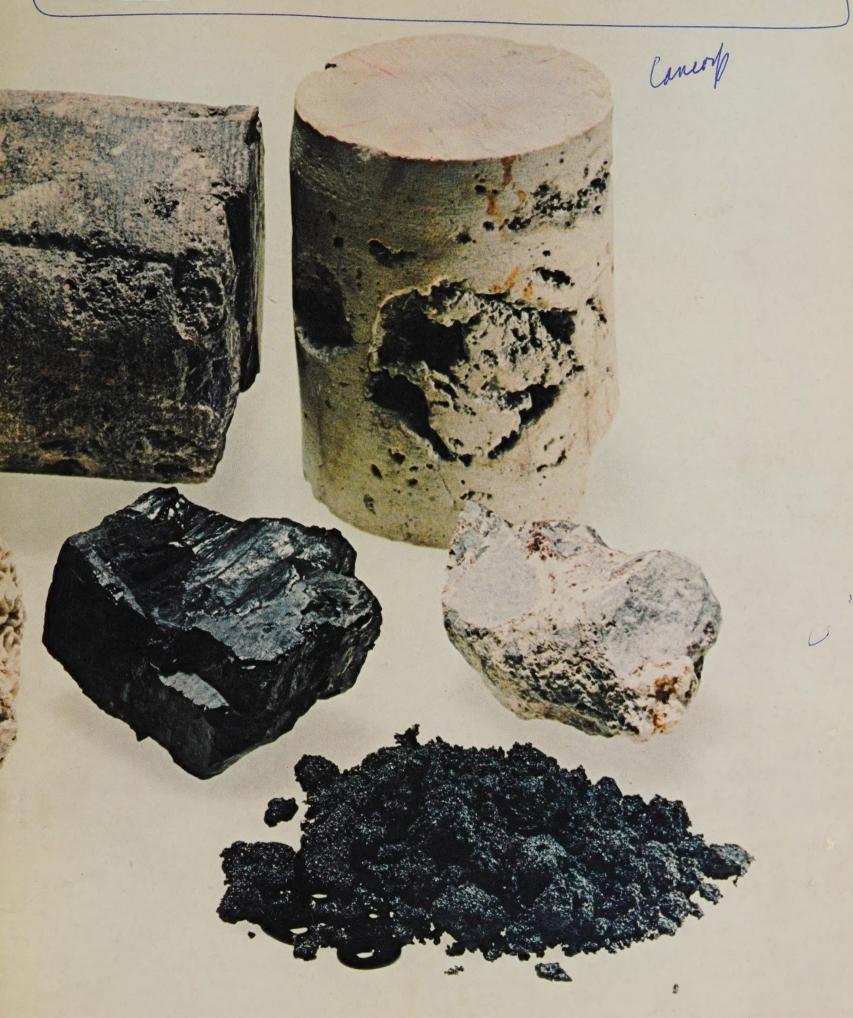
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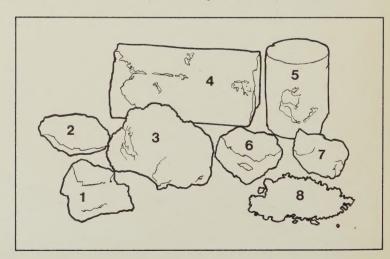
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	1974	1973
Financial		
Total income	\$85,518,000	\$65,259,000
Cash flow	37,359,000	34,369,000
— per share	2.59	2.39
Earnings for the year	10,452,000	9,137,000
— per share	0.73	0.63
Working capital at year end	46,288,000	34,499,000
Capital expenditures during year	26,651,000	23,166,000
Operating		
Average net daily production		,
Crude oil and natural gas liquids (bbls.)	26,601	34,530
Natural gas (mcf)	71,770	63,952
Sulphur (long tons)	257	257
Net reserves at year end		
Crude oil and natural gas liquids (bbls.)	89,345,000	118,191,000
Natural gas (mcf)	526,348,000	544,676,000
Sulphur (long tons)	816,000	993,000
Refinery throughput (bbls.)	2,408,000	2,375,000
Refined product sales (bbls.)	2,879,000	2,659,000
Land holdings at year end (net acres)	8,430,000	6,221,000
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TO THE SHAREHOLDERS



From an operational standpoint 1974 was a successful year. All of the Company's existing facilities and operations continued to perform very satisfactorily and, in addition, the Company embarked on a number of diversified energy and mineral exploratory ventures. However, the Company during 1974 continued to encounter, on an ever increasing scale, very unusual and damaging government policies which have transformed an industry which was operating with efficiency, confidence and purpose into something far less aggressive, viable and creative. Because of government policies, the economic prerequisites which are essential to carrying on operations in many areas have ceased to exist and, consequently, it is a difficult task to make decisions relating to how the Company should proceed with its future programs.

Gross income for the year 1974 was \$85.5 million, compared to \$65.3 million in 1973. Cash flow increased to \$37.4 million, as compared to \$34.4 million for 1973. Net earnings for 1974 were \$10.5 million, as compared to \$9.1 million for 1973. The 1973 figure has been adjusted to give effect to the adjustment for deferred income taxes described in Note 3 on page 15 of this report.

At the time this report went to print there still existed many uncertainties relating to how the

Company could prudently proceed with its programs. The taxation policies encompassed in the November, 1974, federal budget left the oil and gas industry in a perplexed state. After making provisions for the confiscatory aspects of the federal budget the financial position of the Company is not as encouraging as it would have been had the pre-budget business and taxation rules been maintained. An example of the unsatisfactory provisions in the budget is the treatment of royalties and mineral taxes paid to provinces as taxable income in the hands of the producing companies which, in essence, requires a group of taxpayers to pay tax on income received by others.

The theme of this Annual Report is natural resources with emphasis on energy. Our country should be truly cognizant of the fact that it needs to establish new energy reserves. Finding and developing new energy resources is the primary object of the Company and this can only be attained by reinvesting major portions of cash flow into high risk exploratory ventures. Since 1961 the Company has generated income totalling approximately \$446 million all of which, except for funds on hand, has been reinvested into the Canadian economy. The Company's efforts have established reserves of petroleum substances which are for the benefit of all Canadians.

All levels of government benefit enormously, through various forms of taxation, from the Company's operations and its presence. It should be recognized therefore that it is the operations of this Company, and many others, that create the employment and reserves essential to the growth and health of our economic community. It simply does not make sense to think that wise investors will continue to invest risk capital in ventures which will not allow an opportunity to obtain a higher rate of return than is attainable without assuming a risk. Until the economic atmosphere stabilizes, rules of business are clarified and political adversaries resolve their differences, the Company has concluded that it is prudent to curtail or postpone some of the expenditures originally contemplated. It is crucial that all governments coordinate their efforts, make decisions and establish the required workable statutes and regulations which will make it possible for the oil and gas industry to be revitalized on a long term basis. The governments of Alberta, British Columbia and Saskatchewan have invoked measures, although they may only be stop-gap in nature, which have given the industry some relief from the impact of the federal budget. However, further immediate action is required by all governments if the required venture capital is going to be generated.

The costs confronting the oil and gas industry for new exploratory ventures are rapidly escalating. Many of the frontier regions have not yet been established as prime exploratory areas and in order to avoid having the exploratory effort in these areas wane it is absolutely essential that the federal government enunciate rules, which the industry has been expecting for approximately five years, and establish the necessary incentives which will attract the required risk capital. If this is not done the huge amounts of money required to discover reserves, which it is hoped exist in Canada, will, in all likelihood, be expended in areas outside of Canada where more attractive geological prospects exist and expenditures can be justified on an economic basis.

During 1974 the Company participated in frontier exploratory programs on the Scotian Shelf off Nova Scotia where five wells were drilled, in the Arctic Islands where 2 wells were drilled and in the Northwest Territories where an additional 3 wells were drilled.

In 1974 the Company entered into its first foreign exploratory venture by acquiring a 25% interest, under the terms of a production sharing agreement with The People's Republic of Bangladesh, in a 4,144 square mile area on land and off shore at the mouth of the Ganges River in the Bay of Bengal. Union Oil Company of Bangladesh, who is operator and holds a 75% interest, has commenced a seismic exploratory program to further evaluate structures in this region.

Further core drilling and bulk sampling work was, and is continuing to be, conducted on the Company's

coal prospects in Alberta and the results to date are very encouraging. The Company is also participating in evaluating certain mineral prospects held by it in British Columbia, the Northwest Territories and Yukon Territory.

The Company's refining and marketing operations again performed well during 1974. Eight additional service station facilities were added to Union's retail marketing system.

The Company is extremely proud of its employees who in 1974 again brought enthusiasm and sincere effort to the goal of bettering the achievements of the Company so that further growth and development could be realized. The Board of Directors recognizes these efforts and extends its sincere appreciation and thanks.

By Order of the Board

CUE Dans President FARKAR

February 17, 1975

REVIEW OF OPERATIONS

Exploration

During 1974 the Company participated in the drilling of 36 exploratory wells, including 21 wells drilled by others under farmout agreements. Two of these exploratory wells were completed as oil wells and eight as gas wells. A total of 836 miles of seismic surveys were completed in Alberta, British Columbia, the Northwest Territories and Arctic Islands. Surface geological surveys were conducted in the Horton River region of the Northwest Territories and in the eastern Arctic Islands.

Exploratory Wells				
	197	4	1973	
Union Participation	Gross	Net	Gross	Net
Gas	2 13 15	1.1 8.8 9.9	1 23 24	.5 15.4 15.9
Farmouts Oil	2 6 13 21 36	.6 2.0 4.1 6.7 16.6	3 2 16 21 45	.9 1.0 4.7 6.6 22.5

At the end of 1974 Union held 16,819,152 acres (7,766,642 net acres) under exploration permit or lease in Canada. The net total is about 25% above that of 1973. In addition Union has made application for exploration permits on Federal lands covering 9,776,270 acres. The Company also acquired a 25% interest in a 4,144 square mile concession in the People's Republic of Bangladesh. Exploration permits and mineral claims covering 130,465 acres are held in Alberta, British Columbia and the Northwest Territories.





Among the discovery wells two gas wells are particularly significant. In the foothills of northeastern British Columbia the Quasar Union Ojay c-88-F has been completed at a depth of 10,600 feet and during extended final absolute open flow testing the well flowed at 7 million cubic feet per day. Union retains a 50% interest in the 18,475 acre permit on which the discovery well was drilled and a 100% interest in an adjacent 74,224 acre permit on the same structure to the southeast. Quasar Petroleum Ltd. has committed to drill a 9,000 foot test on another 39,964 acre permit held 100% by Union to the west of the discovery. The discovery is on the same structural trend as the Grizzley gas field 20 miles to the northwest.

The second well in the Horton River region of the Northwest Territories (circled on the map inside back cover), the Ashland et al (Union 8½%) Tedji F-24, flowed 3.5 million cubic feet of gas from 17 feet of Cambrian sand at 3,732 feet. The discovery lies on the northwestern edge of a region some 150 miles in dia-

Land Holdings at December 31, 1974 (acres)					,	
	*Reservation Gross	ns & Permits Net	Leas Gross	sehold Net	Gross	ntal Net
Alberta	988,827	841,745	1,539,762	946,659	2,528,589	1,788,404
British Columbia	433,981	301,461	708,304	279,107	1,142,285	580,568
Manitoba	_		1,960	890	1,960	890
Newfoundland	820,096	410,208			820,096	410,208
Saskatchewan	1,280	640	204,357	77,863	205,637	78,503
Scotian Shelf	4,231,697	1,058,424	_	_	4,231,697	1,058,424
N.W.T., Yukon, Arctic Islands, Offshore	7,432,131	3,631,710	456,757	217,935	7,888,888	3,849,645
TOTAL	13,908,012	6,244,188	2,911,140	1,522,454	16,819,152	7,766,642
Bangladesh	2,652,160	663,040			2,652,160	663,040
TOTAL	16,560,172	6,907,228	2,911,140	1,522,454	19,471,312	8,429,682

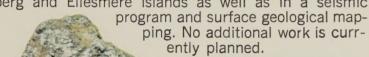
^{*} Approximately 50% of the area of each permit or reservation may be converted to lease.

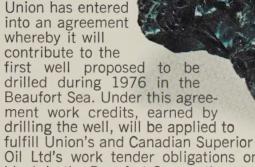
meter where Union for the past three years has been developing a major exploration program. Union now holds 1,769,000 net acres under permit, 5,054,000 acres under option and 685,000 acres in permit application. The Cambrian sand, the principal objective, thickens southwestward from the Tedji well to greater than 250 feet. Drilling depths range from 2,500 to 5,000 feet. Surface mapping and seismic surveys have located a number of large structures. Three of the previous four widely spaced wells have each encountered shows of medium gravity crude oil in cuttings and cores of the sand but the Tedji well is the first to yield an appreciable flow of hydrocarbons. As well as participating in the Tedji well, Union drilled and abandoned the East Maunoir M-48 on lands farmed out from Imperial Oil Limited and completed 240 miles of seismic work in the region. During the summer additional surface mapping was carried out. Two additional exploratory wells will be drilled by Union during the winter and another 200 mile seismic program is underway.

The two oil discoveries and the other six gas discoveries, all on Union lands in Alberta, require further development drilling to evaluate their significance.

On the Scotian Shelf off Nova Scotia Union and its partners, Canadian Industrial Gas and Oil Ltd. and Pan-Canadian Petroleum Limited, drilled five exploratory wells to earn an interest in 4,231,697 gross acres under the terms of a farmout from Shell Canada Limited. No shows of oil or gas were encountered and no further exploration is planned.

In the northeastern Arctic Islands Union participated in the drilling of two dry exploratory wells on Axel Heiberg and Ellesmere islands as well as in a seismic





Oil Ltd's work tender obligations on a 248,614 acre block in the Beaufort Sea northeast of Herschel Island. In addition Union and Canadian Superior acquire a preferential right to use the drilling system, should they elect to drill in the Beaufort Sea.

Union continued during 1974 to expand its mineral exploration effort. Coal exploration was carried out in Alberta and lead-zinc prospecting in the Yukon. Additional exploration on mineral claims and permits held by Union in British Columbia and the Northwest Territories was conducted by others under farmout agreements.

Union Oil Company of Canada Limited has acquired a 25% interest, under the terms of a production sharing contract, with the Bangladesh Oil and Gas Corporation, in a 4,144 square mile block at the mouth of the Ganges River. Union Oil Company of Bangladesh, the operator, holds the remaining 75% interest. Seismic surveys are presently underway to further evaluate structures on these lands which include both onshore and offshore acreage.



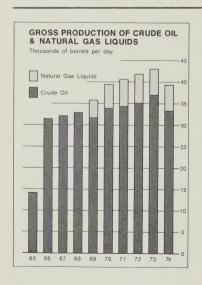
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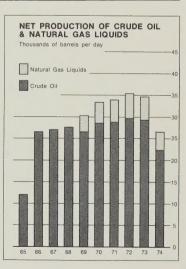
DEVELOPMENT DRILLING

The Company's development drilling activity was reduced in 1974, as compared to past years, in response to economic uncertainty created by increasing royalties, proposed changes in tax legislation and market prorationing of heavy crude oil. With the possible exception of Alberta, it appears that there will be little incentive to return to former levels of development drilling in 1975.

During 1974 the Company participated in the drilling of 39 development wells, 30 in Alberta and 9 in British Columbia. Twelve wells were completed for oil production, 15 as gas wells, 4 for water injection and 8 were abandoned. In addition to these wells, which are summarized in the following table, 15 core holes were completed on Company lands in the Athabasca oil sands.

Development Wells	197	4	197	73
Union Participation	Gross	Net	Gross	Net
Oil	8	5.7	37	14.0
Gas	10	1.8	6	0.9
Service	4	1.1	2	0.8
Dry	3	1.8	5	4.0
	25	10.4	50	19.7
Farmouts				
Oil	4	0.6	4	0.6
Gas	5	1.2	3	0.4
Dry	5	1.5	9	1.7
	14	3.3	16	2.7
TOTAL	39	13.7	66	22.4





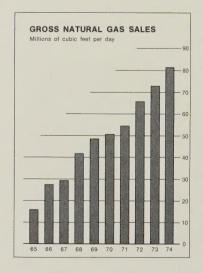
CRUDE OIL and NATURAL GAS LIQUIDS

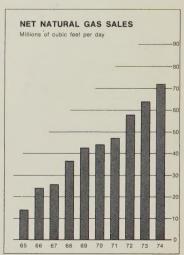


Union's gross production of crude oil and natural gas liquids in 1974 averaged 39,097 barrels per day, down 9% from 1973. The decrease results primarily from a loss of export demand for the Company's heavy oil production in Saskatchewan. Due to a high export tax this oil is overpriced in its historical market and efforts to obtain an adequate reduction in

tax have been unsuccessful. High prices also contributed to reduced demand for Alberta oil during the last quarter of 1974. Further declines in Canadian production can be expected in 1975 as crude oil and condensate exports to the United States will be reduced from slightly over 900,000 barrels per day in 1974 to an average of about 725,000 barrels per day.

Union's net production of crude oil and natural gas liquids averaged 26,601 barrels per day, a decrease of 23% from 1973. This decrease is related to lower gross production but is mainly attributable to higher royalties introduced in Alberta and British Columbia on April 1, 1974. In lieu of increasing royalties Saskatchewan levied a surcharge on January 1, 1974, which greatly reduced the value of the Company's net production in that Province.





The average price received for crude oil and natural gas liquids improved from \$3.30 per barrel in 1973 to \$4.94 per barrel in 1974; however, this gain was largely offset by increased royalty or tax burdens; particularly in British Columbia and Saskatchewan.

Production of Crude Oil and Natural Gas Liquids

	Average Gross Daily Barrels 1974 1973		Averag Daily 1974	ge Net Barrels 1973
Alberta	23,759	24,376	16,080	20,186
British Columbia .	5,411	6,275	2,607	4,427
Manitoba	278	288	238	244
Saskatchewan	9,649	12,103	7,676	9,673
TOTAL	39,097	43,042	26,601	34,530

Production revenue cannot be expected to improve in 1975 unless the Federal and Provincial governments reach agreement on sharing of resource revenue and, more importantly, allow an equitable portion to flow through to industry.

In Alberta expansion of the Sturgeon Lake South plant and installation of natural gas liquid recovery facilities were completed in late 1974. Depending upon demand for Alberta production in 1975, Union's net share of new production will be up to 950 barrels per day of crude oil and natural gas liquids. Also in Alberta unitization and installation of waterflood facilities is progressing at an extension to the Kaybob South Triassic oilfield. When complete in 1975 this project will increase Union's share of production by approximately 600 barrels per day.

NATURAL GAS

Gross sales of natural gas increased 11% to 80.8 million cubic feet per day. The increase is mainly attributable to new production commencing in late 1973 and during 1974 in Alberta. Net sales increased by 12% to 71.8 million cubic feet per day. The increase in net sales results from new Alberta production and from elimination of royalty on natural gas in British Columbia. The British



Columbia Petroleum Corporation, a Provincial corporation, has been formed to purchase and market all natural gas produced in the Province. The Corporation will take a profit on gas sold in lieu of a royalty. Natural gas continues to be underpriced in relation to other fuels, however, price increases were received in 1974 and further gains are anticipated in 1975.

The average price received was 25.7 cents per thousand cubic feet, an increase of 10.4 cents over the 1973 average.

Production of Natural Gas

	Average Gross MCF/Day		Average Net MCF/Day
	1974	1973	1974 1973
Alberta	44,570	36,142	36,055 32,060
British Columbia .	32,549	33,859	32,430 29,345
Saskatchewan	3,690	2,852	3,285 2,547
TOTAL	80,809	72,853	71,770 63,952



HEAVY OIL

At present the Company holds 243,000 acres of prospective "heavy oil" or bitumin land in the Athabasca, Chipewyan and House River areas of northeastern Alberta. Substantial deposits of bitumin have been confirmed on these holdings at depths ranging from less than 100 feet to about 1,000 feet. The properties were acquired on the basis that bitumin may become an important source of energy in the future. In consideration of this potential and recognizing the very complex technology that must be developed prior to commercial exploitation, the Company, early in 1974, established a Heavy Oil Group within the Production Department.

During 1974 15 core holes were drilled in the areas considered prospective for mining operations and three wells were drilled on lands where the thickness of overburden will dictate insitu recovery techniques. During 1975 the drilling and core hole programs will be expanded and a pilot operation will be initiated to evaluate various insitu recovery methods.



SULPHUR

Sulphur sales in 1974 averaged 275 long tons per day as compared to 268 long tons per day in 1973. The average net price received was \$8.42 per long ton compared to \$4.68 per long ton in 1973. Demand and price strengthened in both domestic and export markets with further improvement expected in 1975.

RESERVES

The Company's net proven developed and undeveloped reserves at year end, as calculated by its reservoir engineers, are summarized in the accompanying table.

The developed reserves are the quantities that can be recovered through existing facilities. Undeveloped reserves are the volumes estimated to be recoverable from wells to be drilled on proven undrilled acreage, as the result of re-completion operations, or as the result of the installation of new facilities for fluid injection or gas processing. Reserves of heavy oil, such as in the Athabasca oil sands, are not included.

Net Reserves		
	1974	1973
Crude Oil and Natural Gas Liquids (bbls)	89,345,000	118,191,000
Natural Gas (mcf)	526,348,000	544,676,000
Sulphur (long tons)	816,000	993,000

The Company's net crude oil and natural gas liquids reserves declined by 28.8 million barrels in 1974 as additions did not replace production and adjustments of 10.9 million barrels and the loss to increased royalties of 17.9 million barrels. Natural gas reserves declined by 18.3 billion cubic feet as additions did not replace production of 26 billion cubic feet and the loss to increased royalties of 19.9 billion cubic feet.

Refining

The Company's refinery at Prince George processed 2,407,800 barrels of crude oil and condensate during the year, an average of 6,597 barrels per calendar day. An anticipated increase in market demand for heavy fuel oil in British Columbia did not develop as the pricing structure of natural gas did not increase in proportion to the escalation in cost of crude oil during the year. If the price of natural gas increases and approaches its true commodity value in British Columbia the market demand for heavy fuel oil should strengthen thus permitting an increase in refinery throughput.

The Company maintained a high standard of product quality control at the refinery and produced a full range of motor gasolines, diesel fuels, heating oils, paving asphalts and road oils.

Marketing

Sales volume of refined oil products to all classes of trade was 78.3 million gallons for the year, an increase of 4.4% over the previous year. The retail marketing system was expanded to 109 outlets during the year with the addition of eight new units. Retail sales increased to 17.3 million gallons.

Currently the gasoline market is unstable in many of the Company's marketing regions and price wars are prevalent in several urban areas. The advent of selfserve gasoline units and a proliferation of car washes has spearheaded the discounting practices evident in the marketplace today.

While recognizing the impact that discounting practices are having on the gasoline market, this Company will continue to provide 'full service' facilities to the motoring public through our franchised dealers in the interest of promoting safe, trouble free driving for our customers. Our franchised dealers are encouraged to provide these services to the motoring public through attractive, clean and well managed stations.

The Company increased its sales effort in the commercial and industrial light product market during 1974 with encouraging results and sales of paving asphalt reached the projected level as the road construction season extended through late fall.

The Federal and Provincial guidelines on product pricing are, in effect, price controls without provision being made to accommodate escalations in the cost of production or cost of marketing the products.



this trend will prevail for some time. Dealer tank wagon prices have remained essentially static except for adjustments due to crude oil price increases and Federal Sales Tax. At this point in time the Company is unaware of any definite Government policy to permit recovery of the increase in cost of doing business. Recognition of these problems by governments and action which would improve the business environment would assist the Company in planning for any future marketing programs.

Employees

At year end the Company had a total of 360 employees on staff, an increase of eight during the year. In addition the Company employed 36 undergraduate students during the summer months in all departments of the Company, providing exposure for students to the operations of an integrated oil company. The Company's payroll and benefit cost totalled approximately \$5,750,000 in 1974.

The Company continued its policy of encouraging employees to further develop and upgrade their skills by attending seminars and courses at leading educational and industrial institutions. Under the terms of the Company's educational assistance program 33 employees successfully completed extension courses. An additional 89 employees attended programs recommended to them by the Company.

Again during 1974 Union employees contributed, in a very active and meaningful way, to industry and community endeavors designed to improve community life. The Company's policy of encouraging community involvement and participation has again received the support of its employees. Approximately 85 employees were involved in active roles with various charitable institutions and with youth, educational, sports and cultural service groups.

FINANCIAL

Net earnings for the year, after provision for income taxes payable and deferred, were \$10.5 million (73 cents per share), compared with \$9.1 million (63 cents per share) in 1973. Earnings for 1973 have been restated to give effect to the changes in handling of deferred income taxes described in Note 3 to the financial statements.

Cash flow during 1974 totalled \$37.4 million (\$2.59 per share), an increase of 9% from \$34.4 million (\$2.39 per share) in 1973.

Total revenues increased significantly during 1974 compared to 1973 due mainly to price increases. The revenue increase was offset, in large part, by increasing costs for goods and services used by the Company and the increasing tax burden imposed by all levels of government. The following statement provides a comparative analysis of income from all sources.

1974	1973
\$47,913,000	\$41,569,000
6,737,000	3,567,000
845,000	382,000
24,576,000	16,742,000
3,733,000	1,481,000
302,000	416,000
185,000	93,000
739,000	729,000
314,000	156,000
174,000	124,000
\$85,518,000	\$65,259,000
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Total expense for the year, excluding the provision for deferred income taxes, was \$68.6 million, an increase of \$16.7 million or 32% compared to 1973. The details of this increase are a 27% increase in cash operating expenses to \$39.2 million, a decrease in non-cash charges of 3% to \$20.4 million and provision for payment of income taxes of \$9.0 million.

Funds generated during 1974 were sufficient to provide for the capital program and to add \$11.8 million to working capital which totalled \$46.3 million at the end of the year.

Summary of Capital Expenditures		
	1974	1973
Development	\$ 5,207,000	\$ 6,198,000
Exploration	19,217,000	15,778,000
Refining and Marketing	1,937,000	1,105,000
Other	290,000	85,000
	\$26,651,000	\$23,166,000

As described in Note 3 to the financial statements, provision has been made in the accounts for income taxes payable for 1974. This provision is based on the recommendations of the Federal Government's November 18, 1974 budget which are contained in a Bill presented to the House of Commons on December 20, 1974. Since the November budget, the Governments of the Provinces of Alberta, Saskatchewan and British Columbia have each issued statements regarding tax rebate and other allowances which they intend to provide if the Federal Government's budget is passed into law. These Provincial policy statements are also reflected in the income tax provisions recorded in the Company's accounts.

To conform to a policy statement issued by the Canadian Securities Administrators, the Company has adopted the income tax allocation basis of accounting for deferred income taxes which was recommended by the Accounting Research Committee of the Canadian Institute of Chartered Accountants. This resulted in a provision for deferred income taxes for 1974 of \$6,500,000 and adjustments in our accounts for taxes deferred in prior periods as described in Note 3 to the financial statements. The comparative figures on the financial statements have been adjusted to conform to the new handling.

Financial statistics for the past ten years appear on pages 18 and 19 of this report. Figures for years prior to 1974 have been restated to give effect to the change in recording of deferred income taxes described above. Per share figures for years prior to 1972 have been restated, for comparative purposes, to give effect to the three for one share split made in November of 1972.

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF EARNINGS

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Year ended December 31, 1974 (with comparative figures for 1973)		
	1974	1973
Income		
Sales of crude oil and natural gas liquids, natural gas, sulphur and refined products	\$ 80,071,000	\$ 62,260,000
Other income	5,447,000	2,999,000
Total income	85,518,000	65,259,000
Expense		
Production	10,264,000	9,261,000
Exploration	1,685,000	1,469,000
Rentals on unproven lands	1,348,000	1,358,000
Amortization of unproven lands	8,109,000	3,793,000
Depletion	1,225,000	1,458,000
Depreciation	6,060,000	6,151,000
Dry holes and abandonments	5,013,000	9,603,000
Refining and marketing	22,002,000	15,187,000
General and administrative (Note 4)	3,860,000	3,615,000
Total expense	59,566,000	51,895,000
Earnings before provision for income taxes	25,952,000	13,364,000
Income taxes — payable (Note 3)	9,000,000	
— deferred (Note 3)	6,500,000	4,227,000
Earnings for the Year	\$ 10,452,000	\$ 9,137,000
(per share — 1974 \$0.73, 1973 \$0.63)		

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET

December 31, 1974 (with comparative figures at December 31, 1973)		
Assets	1974	1973
Current Assets		
Cash	\$ 3,550,000	\$ 875,000
Short term deposits	42,705,000	28,753,000
Accounts receivable	17,746,000	14,169,000
Inventories (Note 5) Crude oil and natural gas liquids, sulphur and refined products	4,108,000	2,566,000
Materials and supplies	2,683,000	1,097,000
	70,792,000	47,460,000
Property, Plant and Equipment, at cost (Note 7)	204,865,000	187,523,000
Less: Accumulated amortization, depletion and depreciation	77,325,000	65,519,000
	127,540,000	122,004,000
Other Assets		
Long term receivables	253,000	559,000
Investment in non-controlled companies, at cost	1,043,000	954,000
Operating and performance deposits	689,000	664,000
Prepaid and deferred charges	1,229,000	1,370,000
	3,214,000	3,547,000
	\$201,546,000	\$173,011,000
Approved by the Board of Directors	Jus C. Ha	Director
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Liabilities	1974	1973
Current Liabilities		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 15,504,000	\$ 12,961,000
Income taxes payable (Note 3)	9,000,000	
	24,504,000	12,961,000
Deferred Income Taxes (Note 3)	30,065,000	23,565,000
Shareholders' Equity		
Share Capital (Note 8)		
Authorized 22,500,000 shares without par value		
Issued and fully paid		
1974 — 14,399,190 shares	4,960,000	
1973 — 14,395,440 shares		4,920,000
Contributed Surplus	73,318,000	73,318,000
	78,278,000	78,238,000
Earned Surplus (Note 3)	68,699,000	58,247,000
	146,977,000	136,485,000
	\$201,546,000	\$173,011,000

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF EARNED SURPLUS

Year ended December 31, 1974 (with comparative figures for 1973)		
	1974	1973
Balance at beginning of year	\$ 73,677,000	\$ 61,095,000
Deferred income taxes related to prior years	(15,430,000)	(11,985,000)
Adjusted balance at beginning of year	58,247,000	49,110,000
Net earnings for the year	10,452,000	9,137,000
Balance at end of year	\$ 68,699,000	\$ 58,247,000
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FINANCIAL POSITION		
Year ended December 31, 1974 (with comparative figures for 1973)		
	1974	1973
Source of Funds		
Sales of crude oil and natural gas liquids, natural gas, sulphur and refined products, and other income	\$ 85,518,000	\$ 65,259,000
Less: Expenditures for production, exploration, rentals on	φ 05,510,000	\$ 05,259,000
unproven lands, refining and marketing, general		
and administrative expense and for income taxes	48,159,000	30,890,000
Funds provided from operations	37,359,000	34,369,000
Issue of shares (Note 8)	40,000	101,000
Disposal of property, plant and equipment	708,000	331,000
Employment of Funds		
Capital expenditures	26,651,000	23,166,000
Net increase (decrease) in other assets	(333,000)	130,000
	26,318,000	23,296,000
Increase in working capital	11,789,000	11,505,000
Working capital at beginning of year	34,499,000	22,994,000
Working capital at end of year	\$ 46,288,000	\$ 34,499,000

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Note 1 — Summary of Accounting Practices

With effect from January 1, 1974, the Company has adopted the tax allocation basis of accounting in respect of all timing differences between net earnings and taxable income as described in Note 3. Adjustment for prior periods has been recorded in Earned Surplus.

There have been no other significant changes in the Company's accounting practices during the year.

All expenditures with the exceptions noted, are charged to expense when incurred.

The cost of drilling wells and the cost of geophysical surveys are initially capitalized. The cost of dry holes and the cost of geophysical surveys which do not result in the acquisition or retention of lands are subsequently charged to expense when the results are evaluated.

The cost of acquisition of oil and gas lands, which includes a portion of the drilling cost of wells which earned an interest in those lands and the cost of geophysical surveys which resulted in acquisition or retention of those lands, are capitalized. Such costs attributed to unproven lands are subsequently amortized by charging to expense each year an amount calculated to write off these costs over the estimated period of retention of the lands. When unproven lands are surrendered accumulated amortization is reduced by the costs attributed to such lands. When unproven lands become productive the original costs are transferred to proven lands and, like the acquisition costs of producing properties, are amortized by charging to expense each year a provision for depletion calculated on a unit of production basis, using in the calculation total proven reserves, both developed and undeveloped.

Costs of drilling successful wells and costs of production equipment and facilities, including gas processing plants, are capitalized and subsequently charged to expense as depreciation, which is calculated on a unit of production basis using in the calculation only proven developed reserves.

Costs of refining, marketing and general facilities are capitalized and subsequently charged to expense as depreciation which is calculated on a straight line bases to write off the costs over the estimated useful life of the facility.

Note 2 — Principles of Consolidation

The consolidated financial statements include the accounts of Union Oil Company of Canada Limited and its wholly owned subsidiary, Union Oil Holdings Limited.

Note 3 — Income Taxes

In calculating income taxes reported herein, full consideration has been given to the provisions contained in Bill C-49 presented to the House of Commons on December 20, 1974, which will enact the proposals of the Minister of Finance's budget, which was introduced on November 18, 1974. The effects of

announcements made by each of the Provinces of Alberta, Saskatchewan and British Columbia regarding rebates and allowances have also been included in our income tax calculations. It must be noted that none of the foregoing has yet been legislated and, therefore, could be changed. However, it is considered appropriate to give effect to the announced policies because, on enactment, they will have a retroactive affect on the Company's earnings for 1974. Had this procedure not been followed, the income taxes payable for 1974 would have been lower by \$8,000,000 and the provision for deferred income taxes would have been higher by \$1,200,000 resulting in a combined increase in net earnings of \$6,800,000.

Under the provisions of the Income Tax Acts and Bill C-49, presently before the House of Commons, the Company may deduct its drilling and exploration expenses and may provide for capital cost allowances at rates which vary from the corresponding write-offs and depreciation recorded in the Company's accounts. Any excess of such costs not used in one year may be carried forward to apply against future income. At December 31, 1974, drilling and exploration expenses totalling approximately \$3,850,000 were carried forward for use in computing taxable income in future years. There remained at the same date approximately \$22,400,000 of assets in respect of which capital cost allowances may be claimed. At December 31, 1973, the comparable figures were approximately \$18,900,000 and \$22,700,000.

Under the provisions of the income tax reform legislation which came into effect on January 1, 1972, certain expenditures made since November 7, 1969, may be carried forward for use in calculating depletion which was to be applied in determining taxable income after 1976. The budget presented to the House of Commons by the Minister of Finance on November 18, 1974, included provisions which would give effect to the earned depletion system on May 7, 1974. The accumulated expenditures are therefore applied in determining taxable income after that date. After taking into consideration the expenditures applied in calculating income taxes for 1974, the accumulated amount of those expenditures at December 31, 1974, only 33½% of which may constitute earned depletion, was approximately \$64,300,000 (\$62,000,000 at December 31, 1973).

To the end of 1973 the Company, following general practice in the industry, made provision in the accounts for the amount of income taxes deferred only by reason of the difference between income tax calculations and financial accounting practice relative to depreciable assets. As a result of a policy statement issued by the Canadian Securities Administrators, which statement was reviewed and affirmed by the Administrators following representations by oil and gas industry associations, the Company has adopted the income tax allocation basis of accounting recommended by the Accounting Research Committee of the Canadian Institute of Chartered Accountants. Therefore, provision has been made in the Company's accounts for income taxes deferred by reason of timing differences related to drilling and exploration expense and retroactive adjustment has been made for taxes deferred in prior periods. As shown in the Statement of Earned Surplus the adjustment for prior periods totalled \$15,430,000. The amount provided for deferred income taxes in 1974 is \$6,500,000 (\$4,227,000 in 1973), compared with a reduction of approximately \$300,000 (\$782,000 increase in 1973) had the change described above not been made.

Note 4 - Remuneration Paid to Directors and Officers

Statement required by Canada Corporations Act:

- (a) number of directors five aggregate remuneration as directors \$2,500
- (b) number of officers seven aggregate remuneration as officers — \$263,352
- (c) number of officers who are also directors two

Statement required by certain provincial Securities Acts:

Aggregate direct remuneration paid or payable by the Company and its consolidated subsidiary to the directors and senior officers of the Company amounted to \$265,852.

Note 5 — Inventories

Valuation of inventories is at or below average cost but does not exceed net realizable value.

Note 6 — Commitments and Contingencies

In accordance with relevant regulations, the Company has issued non interest bearing demand notes which are on deposit with the governments of Canada and Alberta to guarantee the performance of exploratory work in respect of certain Crown oil and gas rights granted to the Company. These demand notes totalled \$3,950,000 at December 31, 1974.

The Company is contingently liable for the payment of principal (to a maximum of \$2,425,000 at December 31, 1974) and interest in respect of certain debentures of a pipeline company of which Union Oil Company of Canada Limited is a shareholder.

Note 7 - Property, Plant and Equipment

Hote 7 — Property, Plant and Equipment	а	t December 31, 197	'4	
	Gross investment at cost	Accumulated depletion, depreciation and amortization	Net investment	Net investment December 31, 1973
Unproven lands	\$ 45,497,000 38,730,000 2,115,000 68,527,000 17,083,000 18,809,000 10,608,000 3,496,000 \$204,865,000	\$ 10,625,000 22,788,000 	\$ 34,872,000 15,942,000 2,115,000 39,883,000 9,636,000 15,782,000 7,155,000 2,155,000 \$127,540,000	\$ 30,230,000 16,041,000 1,439,000 39,419,000 10,569,000 14,961,000 7,284,000 2,061,000 \$122,004,000
Note 8 — Share Capital The following is a summary of shares issued during 1974: Issued for cash pursuant to stock options granted in 1970.		Number of Shares 3,750	Total Consideration \$39,938	Amount Credited to Share Capital \$39,938
At December 31, 1974, options to purchase no par value shape of Grant	nares of the Compa		g as follows:	Option Price

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Date of Grant													Officers (one of whom is a director)	Employees	Option Price
September 17, 1970		٠									٠		6,930	6,540	\$10.65
September 9, 1973														_	\$13.95
March 8, 1974					٠		٠					•	16,800	6,875	\$11.95
													25,230	13,415	

Option prices are 90% of the market price at the date of grant. In the case of the 1970 options, effect has been given to the three for one share split in November, 1972.

AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Shareholders of Union Oil Company of Canada Limited

We have examined the consolidated balance sheet of Union Oil Company of Canada Limited and its wholly owned subsidiary as at December 31, 1974, and the consolidated statements of earnings, earned surplus and changes in financial position for the year then ended. Our examination included a general review of the accounting procedures and such tests of the accounting records and other supporting evidence as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

Calgary, January 31, 1975.

In our opinion, these consolidated financial statements present fairly the financial position of the companies as at December 31, 1974, and the results of their operations and the changes in their financial position for the year then ended, in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles applied, after giving retroactive effect to the change in the method of recording deferred income taxes referred to in note 3 to the financial statements, on a basis consistent with that of the preceding year.

Coopers & Lybrand Chartered Accountants

TEN YEAR STATISTICAL REVIEW

* First full year of operation

Per share figures for years prior to 1972 have been restated for comparative purposes to give effect to the three for one share split in November of 1972.

Deferred income tax figures have been adjusted to conform with the change in handling as outlined in Note 3 on page 15.

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Financial (in thousands of dollars, except where otherwise specified)	1974	1973	1972
Income from all sources	\$ 85,518 48,159	\$ 65,259 30,890	\$ 53,407 26,914
Cash flow from operations	37,359 2.59	34,369 2.39	26,493 1.84
Non-cash expense	20,407 6,500	21,005 4,227	16,503 2,826
Earnings for the year	10,452 0.73	9,137 0.63	7,164 0.50
Non-recurring profit on sale of assets			
Working capital	46,288	34,499	22,994
Property, plant and equipment, net	127,540 3,214	122,004 3,547	120,174 3,417
Total assets employed	177,042	160,050	146,585
Loan and other liabilities	30,065	23,565	19,338
Shareholders' equity	146,977	136,485	127,247
Dollars per share	\$ 10.21	\$ 9.48	\$ 8.85
Number of shares issued and outstanding	14,399,190 983	14,395,440 915	14,385,940 858
Number of Shareholders		======	838
Capital expenditures Development drilling	\$ 2,318	\$ 4,177	\$ 1,515
Oil, gas and gas plant facilities	2,861	2,021	2,812
Exploratory drilling	9,524 3,737	13,348 1,088	5,944 2,616
Acquisition of oil and gas properties and other rights and interests	5,984	1,342	6,067
Refining	385	57	58
Marketing	1,552 290	1,048 85	602 521
Total	\$ 26,651	\$ 23,166	\$ 20,135
Operating			
Average net daily production			
Crude oil and natural gas liquids (bbls.)	26,601	34,530	35,227
Natural gas (mcf)	71,770 257	63,952 257	57,794 289
Net proven reserves	257	237	269
Crude oil and natural gas liquids (thousands of bbls.)	89,345	118,191	137,620
Natural gas (mmcf)	526,348 816,000	544,676 993,000	538,451 1,115,000
Land holdings (thousands of net acres)	8,430	6,221	5,288
Refinery throughput (bbls. per calendar day)	6,597	6,507	6,270
Number of employees	360	352	371

1971	1970	1969	1968	1967	1966	1965
\$ 47,790 23,226	\$ 40,703 20,773	\$ 37,143 17,112	\$ 30,896 14,223	\$ 25,265 8,133	\$ 23,947 6,994	\$ 12,277 3,451
24,564	19,930	20,031	16,673	17,132	16,953	8,826
1.71	1.39	1.39	1.16	1.19	1.19	0.82
13,823	12,740	12,180	11,417	10,279	10,575	-5,537
3,291	2,236	2,495	1,768	2,265	2,121	1,462
7,450	4,954	5,356	3,488	4,588	4,257	1,827
0.52	0.34	0.37	0.24	0.32	0.34	0.17
	1,257		_	_	_	12,087
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16,386	4,756	755	(2,592)	8,083	12,574	13,535
116,815	117,946	114,933	108,192	93,240	82,213	74,942
3,343	2,964	3,567	3,764	2,785	2,225	1,986
136,544	125,666	119,255	109,364	104,108	97,012 101	90,463
16,512	13,221	2,040 10,985	8,490	6,722	4,457	23,367 2,336
120,032	112,445	106,230	100,874	97,386	92,454	64,760
\$ 8.35	\$ 7.83	\$ 7.39	\$ 2 7.02	\$ 6.79	\$ 6.36	\$ 6.00
4,793,710	4,789,430	4,789,300	4,789,300	4,789,300	4,768,050	3,600,600
917	1,041	1,037	1,212	1,310	1,451	1,865
\$ 2,089	\$ 2,130	\$ 2,968	\$ 5,276	\$ 3,465	\$ 4,436	\$ 3,315
2,350	3,412	3,202	12,039	1,592	2,680	1,426
3,220	2,444	1,226	1,796	1,685	2,426	1,511
1,770 1,457	3,009 1,629	1,611 3,858	1,914 934	3,331 2,591	1,633 27,196	360 1,554
76	127	1,286	337	6,125	1,893	278
1,629	2,417	4,618	3,970	2,576	994	
248	798	337	158	170	110	103
\$ 12,839	\$ 15,966	\$ 19,106	\$ 26,424	\$ 21,535	\$ 41,368	\$ 8,547
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22.050	22.000	20.100	07.565	25.050	26.405	10.020
33,958 47,128	33,289 44,089	30,162 42,653	27,565 36,496	26,960 25,915	26,405 24,028	12,030 13,700
264	241	206	30,430	25,515	24,020	15,700
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147,576	155,443	154,795	152,502	150,696	133,474	127,891
510,065 1,190,099	472,506 1,240,613	466,168 1,317,771	454,384 1,278,279	405,796 1,241,202	403,274 659,279	367,879 249,129
5,519	5,681	6,628	7,397	6,169	5,377	5,825
5,955	5,143	5,720	4,061*			_
357	329	286	234	191	133	112

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